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Re: Application of **Kazuomi KOBAYASHI, Tomohisa NISHIKAWA and Kenji MATSUO**
PNEUMATIC TIRES
Assignee: **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**
Our Ref: **Q56893**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/443,460 (Confirmation No. 7280) filed on November 19, 1999 of Kazuomi KOBAYASHI, Tomohisa NISHIKAWA and Kenji MATSUO entitled PNEUMATIC TIRES.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1733.

✓ Enter the Amendment previously filed on June 10, 2003 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

✓ A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-329418	November 19, 1998
Japan	11-299494	October 21, 1999

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/443,460.

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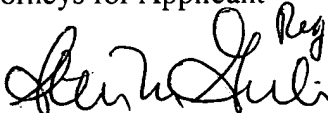
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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/443,460. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on June 10, of which entry has been forced upon concurrent filing of a CPA, and prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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